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PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC)	
SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FUEL)	
COST CHARGE TO BE APPLICABLE IN THE)	CAUSE NO. 38706-FAC6
MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND)	
APRIL 2004 PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-42)	

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

The Presiding Officer has reviewed the evidence filed in this Cause and has the following questions:

- 1. Please explain how Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO") currently treats the revenue earned, and expenses incurred, from the off-system sale of electricity <u>generated</u> by NIPSCO in its computation of net operating income applicable to retail customers for the purposes of the FAC earnings test?
- 2. Please explain how NIPSCO currently treats the revenue earned and expenses incurred from the off-system sale of electricity *purchased* by NIPSCO in its computation of net operating income applicable to retail customers for the purposes of the FAC earnings test?

NIPSCO should file a response to these questions with the Commission on or before December 10, 2003.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

Date .

Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission